

“Life Valuable to God & His People” A Biblical View of Abortion

INTRODUCTION

1. Abortion is a highly charged, volatile issue. It is deeply personal, painful, and prevalent.

- Worldwide 40-50 million/year (Source: World Health Organization)
- US: 1.6 million/year in 1990; 850K in 2017 (33-43% of women in US have an abortion by age 45)

2. Because this issue is controversial, many churches & pastors choose not to address it.

- We run the risk of being misunderstood. We run the risk of offending. → But we MUST address this issue.

3. Abortion is first and foremost a spiritual and Biblical issue.

- This message is for Xns—those who believe the God of the Bible & the message of His Son, Jesus Christ.
- The Bible is our primary and final authority for what to believe and how to live.

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT ABORTION?

- Is the embryo/fetus actually a person? → What does the Bible say?

1. God’s Word defines the embryo/fetus as a living person.

- God calls that which is in the womb a “child.” **Matt 1:18; Luke 1:41; 2:5; 2 Timothy 3:14-15**
-Gk. **βρέφος** (same Greek word in Luke 1:41 & 2 Tim. 3:15; unborn child = born child)
- God gives intimate love to the unborn child. **Romans 9:10-13**
- God gives the unborn child a soul with moral culpability. **Ps 51:5**
- God gives identity & personality to the unborn child. **Ps 139:13-14; Job 31:13-15**

2. God’s laws teach us to protect the unborn child (in both Old & New Testaments).

- God’s Word protects the sanctity of life. **Gen 1:27; 9:6-7; Ex 20:1-17**. Human life is sacred (holy, set apart).
 - God protects the unborn child with His laws. **Ex 21:22-24**
 - His law of carefulness protects the child. **Ex 21:28-36 (Ox); Dt 22:8 (Lattice)**.
 - His law against apathy & neglect protects the child. **Prov 24:11-12**
- As a Christian, can you be personally pro-life (I’ll never have one or perform one) and publicly pro-choice?
- His call to self-sacrifice and love protects the child. **Mt 5:38-48; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8; Jn 15:13**

A few common arguments people use to try to justify abortion...

- “Every child should be a *wanted* child.”
- “We should take care of the children we already have—and help women who have unplanned pregnancies.”
-Source: www.adopting-hannah.net/choices.html “Choices in Adoption...,” 2002)
-Source: www.plannedparenthood.org/about-us/who-we-are-4648.htm)
- “The government shouldn’t interfere in this profoundly personal decision.”
- “Jesus never mentioned abortion—so why do Christians make it such a big deal?”

OUR CHRISTIAN CALL TO END ABORTION

- We are called **to care for and protect the vulnerable**—BOTH the unborn child & the woman w/ unplanned preg.
- We are called **to act**: end abortion through spiritual, relational, financial & political means.
- We are called **to reach a worldwide mission field**.
-100+ countries are in population decline. E.g., In Romania, 75% of pregnancies are aborted.
-Approx. 2500 Pregnancy Centers in US & Canada; 600 others total worldwide (→ Life International Ministry)
-Unborn children are the *largest unreached people group* and the *most persecuted people group* in the world.
- We are called **to speak the truth in love**.
- We are called **to adopt** and **to provide foster** care for “unwanted” children.
- We are called **to pray** for God to bring revival to awaken our country from its deadly spiritual slumber.
- We are called **to heal**. If you have had or contributed to an abortion, recognize the harm to your soul.

RESOURCES

Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center is Christ centered ministry that provides life affirming support to women and families facing unexpected pregnancies. We provide medical services, reproductive health education and support **at no cost**, empowering our community to make healthy life choices in a confidential and caring environment. We are celebrating the addition of a new building which provides mental health counseling, SMH labor and delivery classes and other classes and services.

SMPC can use men coaches and women peer counselors. *Training is provided.*

Sarasota Medical Pregnancy Center also offers post-abortion and sexual abuse healing groups as well as adoption support and referrals.

Website: www.sarasotapregnancy.com

Phone: 941.330.2273

Address: 1752 Hawthorne Street | Suite 5 | Sarasota | FL | 34239

LIFE International is an evangelical Christian organization that multiplies healthy life-giving ministries wherever abortion is provided worldwide. The primary purpose of these ministries is to see people come to new life in Christ and pre-born lives saved from abortion.

Website: www.lifeinternational.com

Email: info@lifeinternational.com

Phone: 616.248.3300

Address: 72 Ransom Ave NE | Grand Rapids | MI | 49503

International Justice Mission (IJM) is a human rights agency that secures justice for victims of slavery, sexual exploitation, and other forms of violent oppression. IJM seeks to make public justice systems work for victims of abuse and oppression who urgently need the protection of the law.

Website: www.ijm.org

Phone: 703.465.5495

Address: PO Box 58147, Washington, DC 20037

Selah Freedom is a local agency that works to raise awareness about the reality of human trafficking here in Florida and provide a physical, emotional, and spiritual support system for victims rescued from human trafficking.

Website: www.selahfreedom.com

Phone: 941.677.8840

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